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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Assistant Director, Current Intelligence

SUBJECT : Preliminary Comment on [REDACTED] flown 25X1C  
on 30 March 1963

1. This mission provided good quality photography of several industrial complexes and airfields in south and south central China. No nuclear installations, missile sites, or test facilities were detected.

#### Industrial Complexes

2. An industrial complex about 30 miles northeast of Chengtu on the western edge of Te-Yang, initially detected in January 1963, was again covered. Initial photography was of poor quality but this mission disclosed about eleven light fabrication and processing buildings, several open storage areas, and a housing area. No power plant was in evidence and no raw materials or finished products were observed, suggesting that the complex is probably not in production at the present time.

3. An airframe plant at Chengtu was again covered. It is obviously not in production; the adjacent airfield has deteriorated markedly and is probably not serviceable. There is no previous evidence that this airframe plant was ever in production.

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4. The Chungking industrial complex was also covered. No changes in this facility were noted since the last mission [REDACTED]. The power plant, iron foundry, steel mill, and arsenal were apparently in production. About 300 rail cars were noted in four separate rail yards in the area.

#### Airfields

5. Nine airfields were covered. The most significant airfield coverage involved Changshu and Hsinching. (See map attached.) Twenty-four IL-28 (Beagle) jet light bombers were photographed at Changshu, a 12,000 foot concrete airfield located south of Nanchang. This field is not the home base for any of Peiping's air force divisions, but serves periodically as training base for these aircraft. IL-28's from all three of the CCAF bomber units have been noted in communications

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intelligence utilizing this field in familiarization flights and in other unidentified training activity. At present one regiment of IL-28's from the Nanking-based 8th Air Division and an element of the northeast China based 20th Air Division are at this field.

6. A total of thirty-one AN-2 (Colt) piston engine light transports were detected at Hsinching airfield in the Chengtu complex. This field serves the CCAF 14th Air School, which trains transport pilots for the civil air fleet.

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